

## REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 based on the Paulman (U. S. Patent No. 5,228,198). Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection in view of the amended claims. The Examiner argues that Paulman discloses the claimed structure because it includes tubing that is capable of being collapsed and expanded. The amended claims now positively claim a collapsed tubing structure for use in the construction of a heat exchanger. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Paulman of such a structure. Further, while the claimed collapsed tubing is an intermediate material, Applicants are unaware of any limitation that prevents claiming such a structure. The withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

## SUMMARY

The pending claims as amended are patentable. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner grant early allowance of this application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorneys for the Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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